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Remarks

Claims 1, 1-24 and 41-60 are pending. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 18-24, 41-45 and 58-60 have been canceled without prejudice. The claim cancellations should not be construed to be acquiescence to any of the claim rejections. Rather, the claim cancellations are being made solely to conform the pending claims with the Applicants' election herein in response to the Restriction Requirement. Moreover, the Applicants expressly reserve the right to further prosecute the same or similar claims in subsequent patent applications claiming the benefit of priority to the instant application. 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 35 U.S.C. § 121.

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Response to Restriction Requirement

The Applicants respectfully elect without traverse **Group 2**, claims 46-57 drawn to protected monomers having the formula shown in claim 46.

Election of Species for Search Purposes

With Respect to Group 2, the Applicants respectfully elect for search purposes the following species:

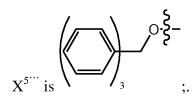
wherein,

$$CH_3$$
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Claims 46 and 57 read on the elected species.

Of course, the election of species made herein is made solely for search purposes. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to purpose species not elected herein in other patent applications claiming the benefit of the filing date of this application.

Furthermore, the Applicants understand that upon allowance of a generic claim, they will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species or product claims which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

Fees

The Applicants believe they have provided for the required fee in connection with the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fee to Deposit Account No. 502762, reference A2038-7021US / ALN-014US

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